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REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 11-14, 18-20, 25-26, 28-32 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rybeck (US 5,590,417) in view of Iwata (US 2002/0045454). Claims 3, 7-8, 15-17 and 21-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rybeck (US 5,590,417) in view of Iwata (US 2002/0045454) and Nuovo (US 2004/0147294). Claims 9 and 23-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rybeck (US 5,590,417) in view of Iwata (US 2002/0045454) and Kivela (EP 0840465 A2). Claim 33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rybeck (US 5,590,417) in view of Iwata (US 2002/0045454) and Baranowski (US 6,473,630). The examiner is requested to reconsider these rejections.

Independent claim 1 relates to a cellular radio telephone formed from a user selected combination of one of a plurality of user input/output devices and a cellular transceiver. The cellular transceiver comprises cellular radio transceiver circuitry for communicating in a cellular radio telephone network and a first low power wireless transceiver. Each of the plurality of input/output devices comprises an audio input device, an audio output device and a second low power wireless transceiver for communicating with the first low power wireless transceiver of the cellular transceiver portion. A user can select one of the plurality of user input/output devices for use as part of the cellular telephone and can communicate using the audio input and output devices of the selected user input/output device in the cellular radio

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telephone network when the selected input/output device and cellular transceiver are physically separated.

Independent claim 13 relates to a cellular telephone formed from a user selected combination of one of a plurality of cellular transceivers and a user input/output device.

Independent claim 28 relates to a cellular telephone having an audio input device and an audio output device with which a user can communicate in a cellular radio telephone network. The phone comprises a user input/output portion comprising a first audio input device and a first audio output device. The phone also comprises a cellular transceiver portion comprising a second audio input device and a second audio output device and radio transceiver circuitry, for communicating in the cellular radio telephone network, and a second low power wireless transceiver for communicating with the first low power wireless transceiver of the user input/output portion. When the cellular transceiver portion and the user input/output portion are physically separated, the cellular radio telephone has a first default mode of operation in which the first and the second low power wireless transceivers enable a user to communicate using the first audio input device and the first audio output device in the cellular radio telephone.

The Examiner has rejected these claims on the grounds that they are obvious in view of Rydbeck (US 5,590,417) and Iwata (US 2002/0045454).

Rydbeck discloses a phone with a headset which can be attached to the phone in a first configuration and separated from the

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phone in a second configuration. The wireless headset comprises a microphone and a speaker which are used both when the headset is detached and when the headset is attached to the body portion of the phone. When the headset is detached from the phone the headset and the body portion communicate wirelessly with each other. The body portion comprises transceiver means for communicating with the radio telephone network.

Iwata discloses a method of establishing a Bluetooth communication link between a cellular telephone and a headset where there is more than one headset within communication distance of the cellular telephone. In this method the cellular telephone selects which headset to create a link with, on the basis of information received by an infrared link from the headsets. There is no disclosure of a user selecting which of the headsets to wirelessly connect to the device.

None of the prior art documents disclose a user selecting one of a plurality of user input/output devices for use as part of the cellular telephone. Therefore even if a person skilled in the art were to look to combine the teachings they could not produce the claimed invention as neither of the documents disclose a user selecting one of a plurality of user input/output devices as required by claims 1 and 13.

Claim 28 relates to the feature of both the portions of the cellular telephone having audio input and output devices. This is not disclosed in Rydbeck. In Rydbeck the cellular portion does not have an audio input or output portion.

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Iwata does disclose a cellular telephone having its own audio input and output portion however there is no disclosure of a first default mode of operation where the user uses the audio input and output devices of the removable portion to communicate with the cellular radio telephone.

There is nothing in either Rydbeck or Iwata to suggest modifying the teachings therein to produce the claimed invention. Therefore the applicant maintains that the present invention is both new and non-obvious.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issue remain, the examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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